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Needle Exchange Funding Rally & Press Conference

Where & When:

Thursday, 25 April

Why:

Study after study has proven needle exchange to be an effective prevention technique in slowing the spread of HIV. Furthermore, Milwaukee is at a crucial point—currently, only 3% of the intravenous drug using (IDU) population is estimated to be HIV-positive (a very low percentage compared to other cities in the Midwest. In Chicago, for example, 25% of the IDU population is estimated to be HIV-positive). With appropriate funding for exchanges and education, we can keep seroprevalence in the IDU community at its current low level, and even effect a reduction. Plus, spending money now on prevention is cheaper than spending money later on medical care.

To date, only private funds have been available to the

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